Crippled Children Examined For Hospital Are Game Lot

Nov 15 - 1942

While an all-out war is thinning the ranks of Shriners throughout the country, that Masonic organization, of which Utica's Ziyara Temple is a part, goes right on indefatigably fighting the battle of the crippled child, whether in city or town or isolated back-road farm.

Thus, when 32 boys and girls, all patients of the Springfield, Mass., Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children, walking on crutches, wearing braces or carried in their fathers' arms, lined up for examination at a clinic on the third floor of the Masonic Temple last night, Ziyara, "The Friendly Temple" was merely living up to its code. Adolf Shickelgruber, preaching the survival of only husky, unblemished youth reared as a means of downing the democracies, sure would have been puzzled.

Previously Held in Albany

Customarily these children would have had to go to Albany where the Springfield Shriners Hospital conducts semi-annual clinics. But, through the efforts of William H. Schutze, arrangements were made with Dr. G. DeN. Hough Jr., surgeon in charge, to come to Utica last night from Albany, where he had been conducting a clinic during the afternoon.

Through the co-operation of St. Luke's Hospital, Schutze had obtained all the necessary equipment —sheets, towels, surgical dressings—and by 7 o'clock when the clinic opened the third floor of the Masonic Temple was in readiness for the youngsters and their parents.

One large room was used for a reception room, others for examination centers. Dr. Hough was accompanied by his secretary and by Miss Dorothy Forsythe, superintendent of the Springfield Shriners Hospital, who prepared the children for the long tables where the white-robed surgeon made his examination.

Children Display Fortitude

Traditionally, children who know about the Shriners' Hospitals are a game lot. Some of them, home from the hospital for keeps, cured or greatly helped, are required to attend out-clinics just for a checkup. Others are home between hospitalization periods and more surgery. Still others are anticipating their first journey to a Shriners' hospital operating room.

But, typically, the youngsters at last night's session, as they were lifted, one after the other, onto a sheeted table, though they may be quaking inwardly, gave no sign of it, and grinned back into Dr. Hough's friendly eyes. Twenty-one Utica children attended the clinic. Ilion, Mohawk, Sauquoit, East Syracuse, Rome, Oriskany Falls and Ava had one representative each. There were two children from Syracuse and two from Oneida. All were accompanied by parents or other adult members of their families.

Refreshments Served

Throughout the evening while the clinic was in progress Shriners served ice cream and cookies. "Sort of takes a little fellow's mind off what's ahead if he's spooning down a big dish of ice cream," said Bill Schutze. "And, while you're on the examination table, it's pleasant to look forward to another big helping. At least that's what they tell me."

Immediately after arriving in Utica at about 6 o'clock Dr. Hough was a guest at an informal dinner at the Fort Schuyler Club. His hosts included Moses Hubbard Jr., who heads Ziyara Temple's Crippled Children's Committee; Potentate Henry A. Smith, Helen Griffith, Dr. Hyzer Jones and Dr. Fred G. Jones.

Succeeds Major Hatt

Dr. Hough was appointed to succeed Maj. R. Nelson Hatt as chief surgeon at the Shriners' Hospital unit in Springfield during the latter's leave of absence with the U. S. Medical Corps. An outstanding orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Hough has served as Dr. Hatt's assistant for some time.

The majority of Utica and vicinity children under the Shriners' supervision are sent to the Philadelphia unit. A clinic for those children is held annually in Utica Masonic Temple and already plans are under way for the fourth clinic, this spring, with more than 100 children in attendance.

First Springfield Clinic

Last night's clinic was the first for the Springfield patients of this vicinity, and that, too, will be held here every fall from now on.

Schutze, who is secretary of the Shriners' Crippled Children's Committee and editor of the national Shrine publication, "The Bugle," was assisted in arranging for the clinic held last night by F. Caldwell Greene, Homer Cloyes, F. W. Wienke, Louis P. Klein, Arthur J. Lux Jr., Fred D. Stevens, William Wadsworth, John S. Schneider and Richard Perlin.

Dr. G. DeN. Hough Jr., of the Springfield Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children, examining Bobby Northrup at the Masonic Temple last night.

GUADALCANAL YANK HEARS BEST NEWS

SPRINGFIELD, March 4—Sgt. William Bragnon, stationed at Guadalcanal, was sent the best news in his life today. Authorities at the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children cabled him that his 3-year-old daughter, Beverly, who has been unable to walk since she was born because of a hip ailment, was sent home to Millinocket, Me., today fully cured.

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Santa Visits Children at Hospital

Springfield Union Photo

Larry Baxter of Thorndike, aged six months, in the arms of Supt. Dorothy Forsythe, was among the boy and girl patients in Shrine Hospital who welcomed Santa Claus (Dr. George W. Gray) last evening when a generous assortment of gifts was piled on each bed by St. Nick, assisted by Potentate William L. McCleary and Nobles Leland Carleton and Arthur M. Simmons of Melha Temple. The little fellow in the crib is David Harrington, aged two, of Bennington, Vt. The gifts are from a fund contributed by individuals and temples in the northeastern states, and the trees which glowed in each ward were given and decorated by the members of Melha Temple.

Girl Scouts Aid Shrine Hospital

Sept 30 1942

(Republican Staff Photo)

Senior Girl Scouts are serving as junior nurse's aids now at the Shine Hospital for Crippled Children, which, like many other institutions, has found it difficult to maintain a full staff of permanent employes. Left to right in this group the Scouts are Margery Myers, Alice Polopoulos and Mary Robinson.

The senior Girl Scouts have responded to a call for help from the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children and each day of the week four Scouts will serve as junior nurse's aids from 4 to 6 in the afternoons. They will assist in preparing the children for supper, helping to serve the meals, feeding those unable to help themselves, and being of any other possible service.

The girls, all 16 or older, will be under the direct supervision of Miss Dorothy Forsythe, superintendent of nurses at the hospital. Mrs Howard L. Jackson, chairman of the health and safety committee of the program committee, is in charge of the project. Girls who are serving and the days for which they have volunteered are:—

Mondays: Troop 5, Faith church, leaders, Mrs Charles E. Newell and Mrs Fred Mozley; June Ladd, Carol Talmadge, Mary Nix and Beth Messom.

Tuesdays: Troop 115, Longmeadow, leader, Mrs Robert B. Crocker, Jr.; Mary Robinson, Janet Sharpe, Marjory Myers and Jean Taylor.

Wednesdays: Troop 80, Holy Name church, leader, Mrs John Canor; Romona Hopkins, Maura Murphy, Dorothy Weldon and Shirley Canor.

Thursdays: Troop 1, Church of the Unity, leader, Mrs Niles W. Goward; Betty Sashman, Christine Keull, Clare Gelinas and Claire Morello.

Fridays: Troop 5, Faith church, leaders, Mrs Newell and Mrs Mozley; Jane Torrey, Evelyn Griggs, Marilyn Bryan and Margaret Will.

Saturdays: To be appointed.

Sundays: Troop 3, Emmanuel church, leader, Mrs Sigfred Jernberg; Annette Heyman, Joy Goidell and two others to be chosen.

As Rodeo Opened at Pynchon Park

Oct 8 1942

Springfield Union Photo

One of the bronchos and his daredevil rider snapped last night during the opening performance of the Flying X Rodeo, which is to be presented throughout this week at Pynchon Park under the sponsorship of the Springfield Rotary Club.

The Flying X Rodeo provided a smart and lively three-hour show for an audience of more than 3000 in Pynchon Park last night as the week-long program, with matinees today and Saturday, opened under Rotary Club sponsorship and for the benefit of the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children.

Stampede Held

Personally directed by Col. A. L. Gatewood and with Chip Morris as arena director the first of the 19 acts got under way with a thundering stampede as the cowboys and cowgirls, a herd of wild horses and the old covered wagon of the plains country raced around the enclosure. After the introduction of the rodeo members and the playing of the national anthem, a group showed a carefully executed quadrille on horseback, with a cowboy scramble and exhibition of rope-spinning following.

The most thrilling section of the night was provided by the saddle broncho riding, of which there were two acts, and the bulldogging and steer riding, which also was given in fenerous proportions. The bronchos were certainly wild, and their efforts to throw the skillful men in the saddle began the second they dashed from the pens. The tosses which some of the cowboys got landed them on the ground with a bump which resounded far up in the grandstand but all of the lads walked off the field. Prize-winners were, broncho riding, Shorty Porter, Phoenix, Ariz.; bulldogging, Jack Jackson, Venezuela, and bull riding, Jack Lewis, Grady, N. M.

With all of the park lights out, a picturesque campfire scene was staged with the cowboys and cowgirls singing, and next came several songs by Eddie Roecker, radio baritone. Miss Bernice and the Flying Behees provided as fine and thrilling an aerial show as has ever been seen here, and the performance of Chip Mooris and his handsome horse, "Black Fox," drew rounds of applause. The number just preceding the grand finale filled the arena with trick and fancy riding experts.

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Rodeo Riders Entertain at Hospital

(Republican Staff Photo)

This group of rodeo riders with the Flying X ranch rodeo entertained the children at the Shrine hospital yesterday afternoon just to give the boys and girls a preview of the show that will start today and continue through the week for their benefit at Pynchon park. There will be performances every night and matinees tomorrow and Saturday. All proceeds above the cost will go to the hospital, as the Springfield Rotary club's contribution to this charitable institution. In the picture above, left to right: Pat Overman, Evans, Elsie Gatewood, Beryl Jackson, Percyna Clark. The little girl in front is Donna Morris on "B

Tinfoil From Marine Corps

Dec 1942

Children at Shriners' hospital today accepted more than 15 pounds of tinfoil collected by the wives of marines stationed at the local recruiting station. Mrs Vesta Roesler, wife of Sergt Harvey Roesler, is shown making the presentation to Joan Stumpek of Pittsfield, left, and Kay Zinseiling of Syracuse, N. Y. Tinfoil proceeds have been one source of the hospital's income.

Marines Aid Shriners' Hospital

Jan 2 – 1942

The medical and recruiting personnel of the local marine corps station gave 10 pounds of tinfoil to the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children today. Photo shows Staff Sergt Robert L. Fallow and Maj Murl Corbett, commanding officer, giving the tinfoil to Miss Dorothy Forsythe, hospital superintendent, on behalf of the marine corps staff.

Good Time Now to Turn Tinfoil Supply in to Shrine Hospital

Tinfoil continues to come in to the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children and John Collins, chairman of the tinfoil committee, said yesterday that as the Government needs the metal so badly, one was being really patriotic to give it to the hospital, for both the hospital and the Government benefit.

Mr. Collins explained that the New England Smelting Co. pays a flat price per pound for the tinfoil and paper which usually surrounds it. The paper is burned in the ovens with the metal remaining. He estimated that the hospital has on hand now about two tons of paper and tinfoil.

Every month or so, the smelting company gathers up a load from the hospital and every so often the hospital receives a sizable check for charitable use.

The New England Smelting Company of West Springfield reduces all stocks and already 200 tons have been reduced to metal without cost to the Temple. A. J. Saffer and Louis Saffer operate the smelting company. Many Shrines throughout the country are co-operating in gathering tinfoil, much of which is sent to the Springfield hospital. Ziyara Temple, Utica, N. Y., collected more than 18,000 pounds last year, much of which came to Melha.

SHRINE PERMITS HOSPITAL'S USE FOR EMERGENCY

Jan 1942

Patients Would Go Into One Section; 30 Beds Available

The facilities of Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children have been placed at the disposal of the Medical Aid Committee of the Civilian Defense for use in event of an emergency.

Arrangements have been made by which at least one half of the 60 patients would be concentrated in a section of the hospital so that 30 beds would be available for use. Plans have been made also for converting the Trade School into an emergency hospital.

Shriners' Hospital Inmates to Cheer Vets

Feb 12 – 1942

Springfield Union Photo

These little Shrine Hospital patients are mighty pleased with themselves, and well they might be, for they've just completed a task designed to bring joy to others on St. Valentine's Day. The girls at the hospital recently joined the Junior Red Cross, and in connection with their school work, spent many hours making up dainty Valentine greetings to be sent to veterans' hospitals. Some, too, will be forwarded to men in the armed services. Left to right, Jean Perry, Mary Sullivan, Betty Lou Vollinger of Northampton, Arlette Predix and Joan Perry—Jean's twin sister.

Confinement to Shriners Hospital Fails to Discourage This Boy Scout

Richard Smith, 15, Has Won Many Merits in Scout Work Despite His Handicap

Richard Smith is a smiling, dark-haired lad of 15 who has gone a long way in Boy Scout work despite several long stays in Shriners' Hospital as a result of an attack of infantile paralysis some years ago.

The fact that he's far from his Westbrook (Me.) home doesn't prevent Dick from studying his handbook and brushing up on the necessary topics for adding to the 22 merit badges which already embellish his khaki band.

This is the fifth time that Dick has been a patient in the hospital and it was while he was there three years ago that he began to prepare for his tenderfoot test. After tenderfoot came second class and so on up the line to the life ranking. At present he's preparing to obtain merit badges for astronomy and chemistry.

The Scout, who keeps in close touch with the doings of his troop back home, spends much of his time in bed but he's able to get around on crutches.

RICHARD SMITH

Springfield Union Photo

Young Patients Have Ambitions

Fall 1942

Broadcast at Shriners Hospital, Reveals Future Hopes of Youngsters

Young patients at the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children described their life ambition yesterday afternoon in a special radio program at the hospital arranged by the Rotary Club in connection with the presentation of the Flying X rodeo this week for the benefit of the children.

Wants to Be Singer

Dorothy June Sweet, 14, told Bob Jones, the announcer, that she wanted to be a singer and displayed her talent in a chorus of "Amapola." Burton Randall of Easthampton insisted that he intends to be a radio announcer and was allowed to read the "plug" for the rodeo which got under way at Pynchon Park last night. Frank Nichols of New Hampshire leans toward historical research for he told Mr. Jones that he wanted to recite the names of all the presidents and did so from Washington to the second Roosevelt without a mistake. Marylyn Martin, 14, of Syracuse, plans to become a nurse for, she explained, it must be "wonderful to be like the nurses at the Shriners Hospital."

"I want to help repay in service something I owe," she added.

Accent on the E

Rodney Mansfield of Ipswich, N. H., dabbles in language for he spent his part of the program discoursing on the way to pronounce "rodeo." Chip Morris, arena director for the Flying X, said that the accent may be on the first syllable or on the e (providing you pronounce it like an a). Lois Manchester of Chicopee, last of the patients to address the microphone, intends to be a secretary.

Dr. Garry deN. Hough told the radio audience that as chief surgeon, he talks with the children as friends and gets great enjoyment from watching them smile when they realize what is being done for them.

"When you buy a ticket for the rodeo," he declared, "remember that you are helping these youngsters make a place for themselves in the world."

Girl Scouts Are Nurses Aides

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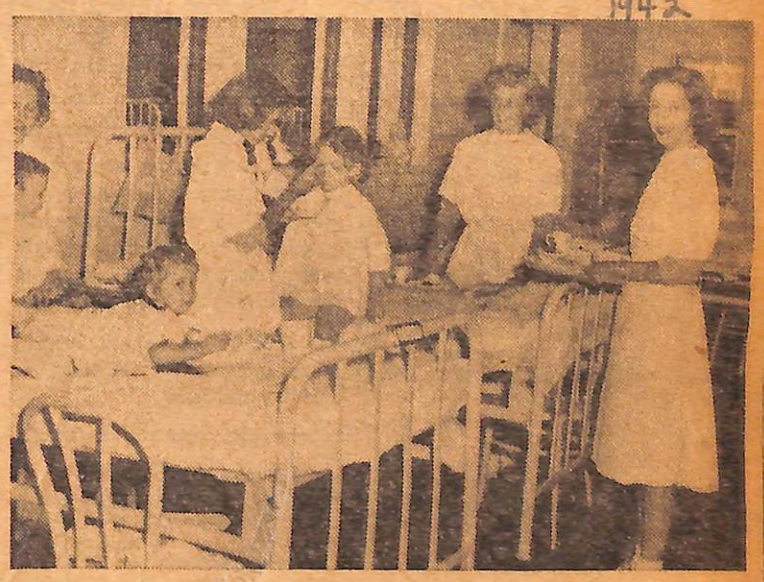

Springfield Union Photo

Senior Girl Scouts of the Springfield area have responded to a call for help from the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children to serve as junior nurses' aids. The girls, pictured above are shown in their duty. Left to right, Rosamond Bachman, Jean Taylor, Janet Sharp and Eleanor Allen.

Each weekday four scouts over 15 years of age will serve from 4 to 6 in the afternoons, assisting with preparing the children for supper, helping to serve meals, to feed those unable to help themselves, and to be of service as best seems fit.

The girls, all of whom will be responsible for the afternoons for which they have volunteered, will be under the direct supervision of Miss Dorothy Forsythe, superintendent of nurses at the hospital. Mrs. Howard L. Jackson, chairman of the health and safety committee of the program committee, is in charge of the project.

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Girls Clip Stamps to Aid Other Cripples

Springfield Union Photo

Inspiring aid from those who know. These children in Shriners Hospital are aiding crippled children in England. The girls, members of Scout Troop 10 in the hospital, are cutting stamps from envelopes collected by other Girl Scout troops under the auspices of the Daughters of the American Revolution. These stamps will be sent more than 3000 miles to England where the glue on the stamps will be processed to extract dextrin which goes into the making of light casts for crippled children .

Hospital Children Given Cross

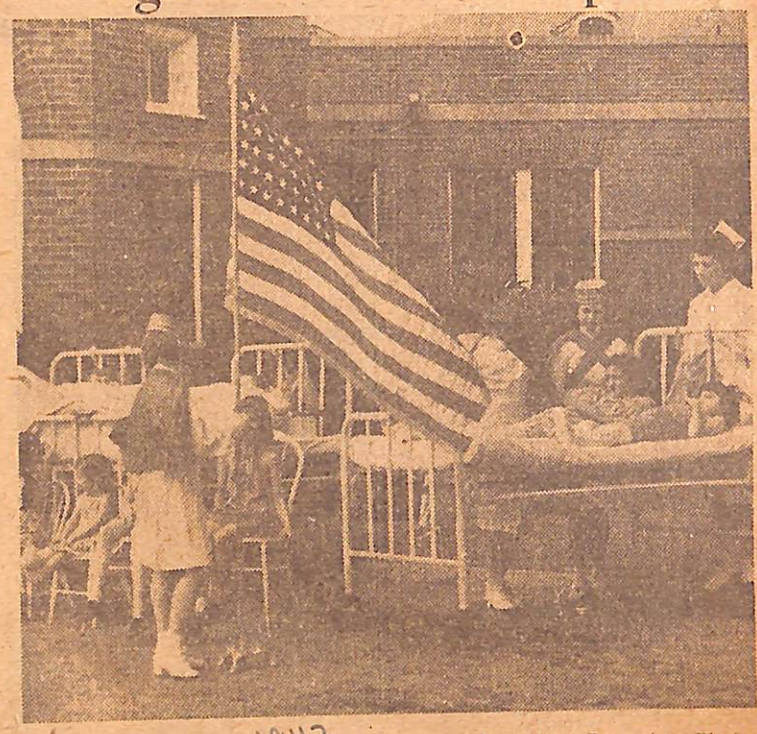
Springfield Union Photo

This cross of flowers was the Easter gift of the children of Christ Church Cathedral to the little patients at the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children here. During the morning children's service at the Cathedral, each child brought a pink rose or carnation and placed it in the cross. Following the service, the cross, with its numerous flowers, was taken to the hospital and presented to the youngsters there. Shown above are Malachy, Johnny and Kenneth enjoying the Easter gift.

Springfield Garden Club Members Meet

Members of the Springfield Garden club met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs Lester M. Sornberger of Lincoln park, Longmeadow. Pictured, left to right, are Mrs N. S. Eveleth, Mrs A. C. Nichols, Mrs R. E. Emerson, Mrs F. H. Robb. Front: Mrs R. S. Demarest, Mrs F. V. Young, Mrs Charles F. Berry and Mrs L. M. Sornborger. Bouquets were made for each resident of the Springfield Home for Aged Women, the Shrine hospital the YMCA and other USO rooms.

Flag Is Presented to Hospital



Don Jose Browning Photo

Scene at the Shriners Hospital yesterday during the presentation of an American flag by members of the Junior Cadets of the American Legion Auxiliary. The presentation was made by Janet Gelinas, cadet president, and Mrs. Jennie Churchill of the auxiliary, and was acknowledged by Miss Dorothy G. Forsythe, hospital superintendent. The cadets staged a drill for the patients who, for the ceremonies, were wheeled out onto the esplanade.

CRIPPLED CHILDREN 'CHIP IN' TO PROVIDE BOY CAMP VACATION

One needy, deserving boy will be made happy by having a free vacation at the Springfield Boys' Club camp in Brimfield as a result of the generosity of the children at the local Shriner's hospital.

Unable to attend camp themselves, the youngsters pitched in their pennies and the result was that $6, the cost of keeping one youngster at the Brimfield camp for a week was turned over to Harry H. Caswell, Springfield Boys' club director. He turned this sum over to Paul A. Samson, camp director.

The generous action of the hospitalized children will cause a happy youngster to leave Saturday for two weeks at the camp. The extra week is being donated through other kind friends of the Boys' club.

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"I hate the Shriner's Hospital!"

We were aghast at hearing one of our city's most humane institutions maligned. We leaned forward in our bus seat to listen to two children unfold their splenic disfavor.

"Why, what have you got against the Shriners?"

"They teach school in there. And what's the point in being sick," said the plaintiff with impeccable logic, "what's the point in being sick if you've got to go to school?"

SHRINERS' HOSPITAL RESIDUARY LEGATEE OF SHAW ESTATE

The Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children is the residuary legatee of the $15,000 estate of Mrs Elinor F. Shaw, admitted to probate today. Mrs. Shaw who lived at 36 Harvard street, died on February 24. Her will specifies that after specific bequests totaling $500 to relatives and after gifts of personal property have been executed, the rest of the estate shall go to the hospital to be known as the John L. and Eleanor F. Shaw fund. The Springfield Five Cent Savings bank is executor.

Gloom Chasers Visit Shrine Hospital

July 13 1941

(Republican Staff Photos)

Upper left: The clowns clowned all over the Shrine hospital yesterday. They even invaded the dining room where nurses were eating dinner, much to the delight of all. Upper right: A scene in the girls' ward when the Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey circus's midget clowns dropped in. Here are Dorothy, Audry and Carlene watching with interest as Clown George Campbell does some funny gags. George W. Streeter, potentate of Melha Temple shrine, is in rear watching. Mr Streeter took the clowns to the hospital right after the afternoon show at Hampden park. Lower left: Little Charles welcomes one of the clowns. Lower right: A general view of the clowns in the girls' ward. Clown Frankie Saluto, dressed as Charlie Chaplin, is doing a clog dance.

Circus's Funniest Clowns Carry Cheer to the Shrine Hospital

Boys and Girls—and Nurses and Doctors—Enjoy Visit of Lively Little Men

Bright smiles and gay laughter prevailed at the Shrine hospital late yesterday afternoon, when four of the funniest clowns from the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey circus visited the wards, performing varied stunts. The clowns were taken to the hospital right after the afternoon show by George W. Streeter, potentate of Melha temple, and needless to say the children were not the only ones to enjoy their antics. The group consisted of midgets—and did they perform!

They knew about children, too, and when one little tike screwed up his face and howled, the entertainers backed away and let him alone for a few moments.

It was not long, however, before the little fellow who had cried at his first sight of the funny clown was shaking hands and, with a grin clear across his face, called the other clowns over to him.

The midgets, who were really funny, were Frankie Salute, dressed as Charlie Chaplin; George Campbell, Prince Paul and Johnny Pizzo. They were gaily dressed, had big mouths and lots of paint. They were good, as the kids said, and to this everybody, including staff doctors and nurses and Potentate Streeter, heartily agreed.

The children gave the Shrine hospital cheer for the group and when the little men left the building they knew that the Shrine hospital's little patients did enjoy their efforts. The circus did come to town, one little mite sighed.

MUSICAL SHOW SHRINE BENEFIT, OPENS TONIGHT

Ted Lewis, Roxyettes, Circus Acts to Be Presented at Pynchon Park

Beginning tonight at Pynchon Park, the musical extravaganza, "Echoes of Broadway," will be presented for a week under the auspices of Melha Temple for the benefit of Shrine Hospital. Ted Lewis and his band, together with the Roxyettes, precision dancers from Broadway, will be features of the show. The extravaganza broke all records for attendance when it played recently at the Toronto Exposition.

There will be several trapeze acts including the Otaris Flying Act, which is said to be the only criss cross flying act available. There is simultaneous flying in four directions. Bee Kyle who received an award as the leading outdoor woman performer in the United States will make her Springfield debut in the show, jumping from a 100 foot tower into a flaming tank filled with six feet of water.

There will be a performance tomorrow evening as well as each evening next week through Friday.

"Bateese" Displays Violin

Feb 7 - 1941

A Maine Indian's skill will be turned into help for crippled children in the near future. Harold Crimi, known as "Bateese," radio comedian, tells the Rotary club about the instrument which will be auctioned off in a week of so. The proceeds will go to the Shrine hospital.

Shrine Hospital Will Benefit Through Sale of Indian Violin

Rotary Club Given Instrument and Hears Talk On Fifth Column by Commentator

Because of the dexterity and skill of an Oldtown (Me.) Indian, the Shrine hospital will be the richer by an undetermined sum in the near future. Several years ago the Indian, Harry Brown, decided to make a violin. He made it out of thousands of long, narrow strips of wood fastened so closely together as to give the appearance of inlaid work and today that violin was presented to the Springfield Rotary club by former police lieutenant, Joseph D. Powers.

The instrument will be displayed in a downtown store window next week and then will be sold at auction at a time to be announced. The proceeds from that sale will go to the Shrine hospital, according to an announcement by Robert W. Bodfish, Rotary president at the club's weekly luncheon meeting at Hotel Kimball today. The violin was introduced to the gathering by Harold Crimi, the well-known radio comedian "Bateese."

Main address of the day was given by Hubert W. Kregeloh, news commentator for radio station WSPR. His subject was "The fifth column and methods in fighting this menace."

The most important subversive influence in this country is being exercised by the Nazis, Kregeloh declared. "Once it is destroyed," he said, all other varieties, especially the Italian Fascist organizations will automatically be reduced to relative inactivity."

Voicing high praise for the work being carried on by the police, the FBI and the Dies committee, the speaker declared that "theirs is a police job and the problem confronting us is more than that. We must not only destroy active fifth columnists," he stated, "but we must also employ methods that will prevent the continued production of subversive elements that will lie low now, but represent a constant danger for future eventualities."

To defeat this undercover campaign which is aimed at the undermining of American morale this country should "fight, with a campaign of propaganda and education as elaborate and as patient as that employed by the Nazis in creating a fifth column," Kregeloh said, and urged that the government set up a comprehensive system designed for distribution of effective counter-propaganda.

The speaker pointed out that as a general thing the Nazi consulate in a country is the propaganda center. All Germans within its scope are watched carefully and even minor instances of the relaxation of pro-German sentiment are cause for reports to the secret police. All Germans in a foreign country are included in a comprehensive census and the Nazis know where they can be found if they are needed for fifth-column work, he said. "If they refuse, then pressure is brought to bear."

The United States could limit this menace, he told the Rotarians, by "forcing the consulates to confine themselves strictly to consular business and to abandon interference with the private lives of individuals within the United States, and, second, by a campaign to inform all decent Germans who are loyal to the United States and refuse to become spies, that Uncle Sam will offer them unconditional protection against their Gestapo persecutors.

"The real answer," he concluded, "is to smash the isolation with which the Nazis actually want these people to be surrounded and to absorb them into the American life as useful members of the nation."

Little Patients Tell of Hospital Life

Feb 5 - 1941 - Union

Springfield Union Photo

Broadcasting last night from their hospital beds and wheelchairs in the schoolroom of the Shriners' Hospital, eight patients described life in the hospital as a feature of the program advertising the Ice Follies benefit performance sponsored by the Rotary Club at the Coliseum on Monday night.

Two girls described a day at the hospital and one boy told about his stamp collection, started during his first visit for treatment in 1939. He now has a collection of 1800 stamps. Roger played a harmonica, an instrument he learned during his first visit.

A roll call of the patients showed that Canada and all the New England States were represented. They concluded their part in the program by reciting "Hail, Shriners' House of Joy."

Also speaking briefly were Supt. Dorothy Forsythe and Raymond B. Shattuck, cochairman of the Rotary Club committee arranging the benefit.

Potentate Visits Shriners Hospital

May 28 - 1941

Springfield Union Photo

Left to right, George F. Olendorf, imperial potentate of the A. A. O. N. M. S. who paid an official visit to the Shriners' Hospital yesterday, and George W. Streeter, illustrious potentate of Melha Temple. The children seated, left to right, are Allen Shiff, five, of Ottawa, Thomas Babcock, 10, of Bennington, Vt., and Donald Revers, six, of Worcester.

George F. Olendorf, imperial potentate of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, paid an official visit to the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children yesterday and after a tour of inspection declared he was "happy to say that this hospital is second to none in the country."

"I am extremely well pleased with the excellent work done at the hospital by Dr. Hatt," he said. "I believe that as a surgeon Dr. Hatt has no peer. His work is wonderful."

Dr. R. N. Hatt, chief surgeon at the hospital and Miss Dorothy Forsythe, superintendent, conducted the tour of inspection for Mr. Olendorf, who was accompanied by Mrs. Olendorf and several officers of Melha Temple including George W. Streeter, illustrious potentate.

Confidence for the continuance of the efforts of the Shriners was expressed by Mr. Olendorf, who said that several large endowments had recently been received. He also expressed the belief that the membership of the organization which has decreased some 200,000 in the past 20 years would be increased or at least maintained at the present 316,000.

Mr. Olendorf left Springfield last night expressing regret that he could not prolong his visit. He said he had been forced by his physician to cancel visits to several Eastern cities and previous to his visit here was confined to a hospital for five days.

After a final official visit to Toronto, Mr. Olendorf will return to Indianapolis for the national convention which will be held June 10, 11 and 12.

Shriners Inaugurate Tinfoil Drive Sunday with Concert at Park

Melha Temple Shrine will observe its second annual Tinfoil Sunday, expressing its appreciation for the cooperation of the Greater Springfield public in the collection of the tinfoil with a concert by the 50-piece Shriners Band at Marsh's Rest, Forest Park tomorrow from 3 to 5 p. m.

The concert will also inaugurate the boys' and girls' campaign of tinfoil collection during the vacation months with cash prizes to be awarded the winners at its close. Any child in Springfield, Chicopee or Longmeadow may apply at one of the official tinfoil stations for a badge designating him as a collector of the foil from neighbors and friends. For every two pounds turned into a station by a child, he or she will receive a credit on a card and when 12 pounds has been collected a free admission ticket to Poli's Theater will be given the boy or girl. For the boy or girl collecting the most tinfoil by Sept. 30, the Shrine will allow him or her to select any prize desired up to $10. The child winning second

The official stations where badges may be obtained and tinfoil turned in comprise: Carlisle Hardware and its branch stores in this city, Chicopee Falls and Thompsonville, Sherwin-Williams Paint store in Bridge St., Hampden Lumber Co. in State St., Thrift Store, Bliss Rd., Longmeadow; Chicopee newsroom in 6 Center St., Chicopee; Field Hardware store, 200 Exchange St., Chicopee.

The band concert, under the direction of A. Cerboneschi, will be as follows: March, "On the Square"; overture, "Alda"; selection, "Princess Pat"; selection, "Espagnola"; waltz, "Italian Nights"; trombone solo, Charles Farnum; selection, "Persian Market"; popular selections; march, "On the Mall"; vocal solo, Harold Hudson; selection, "Over There"; overture, "Prince of Pilsen"; march, "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Unusual Gifts Offered As Shriners Launch Annual Tinfoil Campaign

The annual concert of the Melha Temple Shrine Band, under the management of Ernest L. Drew and with A. Cerboneschi as leader, was held at Forest Park yesterday as a part of formally inaugurating the drive for foil to be melted up for the benefit of the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children. During the concert, which opened at 3, specialties included trombone solos by Charles Farnham and baritone solos by Harold Hudson, both band members. Nearly 1000 pounds of foil was brought to the park, some of it from distant towns and cities. A sudden and heavy rain which came at 4 during intermission necessitated cancelling the last hour of the concert.

The foil campaign, with prizes of theatre ticket for every youngster who fetches in 12 pounds and grand prizes for the summer of $10, $5 and $2 in merchandise for those who bring in the greatest quantity during the summer, is already in full swing, with one of the little hustlers having garnered 50 pounds. Practically every metal except steel and iron can be used, and besides the familiar metal from toothpaste and shaving cream tubes, tea and pipe tobacco wrapping, such articles as discarded copper automobile gaskets are welcomed. One of the most unusual lots brought in was a box of used bullets which were dug out of the ground in back of the targets on a pistol range. Official turning-in stations include all Carlisle hardware stores, Sherwin-Williams Paint Store, Hampden Lumber Co., Longmeadow Thrift Store, Chicopee newsroom and the Field Hardware store in the same city.

Tinfoil Collectors Have Turned in More Than 4000 Pounds for Shriners'

With a month and a half of the Shriners' Hospital tinfoil campaign still to run, over two tons of foil have been turned in by the children in the contest, Herbert W. Russell, chairman of the drive, announced last night.

For every 12 pounds gathered by a youngster, he has been given a ticket to Poli's Theater. The theater has already redeemed 113 of these passes.

An additional ton of tinfoil has been received from adults who evidenly did not know any child in the contest to credit with it. Word was received last night that three barrelsful have been gathered at the Thrift Store in Longmeadow and are waiting to be called for.

The second list of leaders was also announced, with most of the early high ranking youngsters holding their positions, but with several new names and seven girls having collected 24 pounds of foil or over. On the first list, announced last month, there were no girls. A close fight is being waged for second place, with four children all within a few pounds of each other.

The leaders in the contest, with the number of pounds collected, are: David Teece, 305; Whitney Bradley, Jr., 227; Henry T. Best, Jr., 222; Homer Waite, 216; Lillian Williams, 200; George Hartman, 174; Reda Kaspar, 147; Harold Rowley, 60; George Call, 50; Dick Strange, 36; Roger Griffin, 36; Florence Henry, 36. The following have all 24 pounds to their credit: Jimmy Thompson, Rose Roberts, Lilliam Hutchins, Ralph Brown, Alex Lagnowich, Eileen Smith, Gilbert Marshall, Ira Lasure and Buster Jones.

Mr. Russell said that he was surprised at the wide spread interest in the contest shown by the number of people in Bangor, Bath, and at several points along the route of his recent motor trip to Maine who inquired concerning its progress.

An interesting sample of the spirit shown by the youthful helpers in the work of the Shriners' Hospital is a letter received from 13 years old Lillian Tatro of Granville Center. She says: "I read in The Union July 25th that there were no girls in your tinfoil contest. You can enter my name because I am gathering some."

The tinfoil campaign has gained wide impetus in this vicinity lately, with hundreds of persons saving gum wrappers, cigaret packages and all sorts of metal foil to be turned into

David Teece, Five, Winner of Tinfoil Contest With 2604 Pounds to Credit

West Side Boy Noses Out Henry B. Best, Jr., Who Gets 2338 Pounds for Shriners' Hospital; Grand Total Approximates 12 Tons

An unexpected last minute rush of tinfoil deposits continuing up to 11 o'clock last night reversed the positions of the children in the lead for the prizes in the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children campaign and put five years old David Teece, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Teece of 30 Warren St., West Springfield, decisively into first place. David was credited with the surprising total of 2604 pounds of tinfoil.

Runnerup, and until last night holder of first place, Henry B. Best, Jr., nine years old, of 5 Scott St., this city, was a close second with a total of 2338 pounds.

The third prize winner, whose collecting of 1622 pounds of material went a long ways towards the grand total of approximately 12 tons received from the scores of contestants, was Lillian Williams, six years old, of 49 Orchard St.

These three children will be allowed to choose anything they may desire up to a cost of $10, $5 and $2 respectively. Throughout the campaign, every contestant bringing in 12 pounds or more weekly was allowed a guest ticket at Poli's Theater.

Other contestants who brought in amounts that brought commendation from Shrine officials were: Homer Waite, 1056 pounds; George Hartman, 544; Lorraine Tetro of West Granville, 534; Whitney Bradley, Jr., 287; Rita Kasper, 272; Donald Wilson, a former patient at the hospital, 155; Harold Rowley, 84; Esther Pearl Minot, 76; George Callahan, 76, and William O'Leary of Holyoke, 71. Hundreds of others turned in amounts less than this.

Commenting on the campaign last night, Herbert Russell, chairman of the Shrine tinfoil committee, said: "This has been one of the most interesting campaigns ever conducted by the Shrine and the leaders have been close throughout. The hospital officials are grateful for the donations for their crippled guests and trust the general public will continue to accumulate foil, tooth past and shaving tubes even though the children's contest is over.

"On behalf of the hospital may I express the thanks of those in charge of the various collecting depots who cooperated in the receiving, weighing and crediting of the material.

"To the children, and especially those who did not win any of the larger prizes, the little boys and girls in the Shrine hospital are indeed indebted. Their smaller contributions, though smaller than those of the winners helped just as much and swelled the grand total to about 12 tons.

"Every pound of material turned in was a pearl of hope to those entrusted to our care. The Shrine is also very grateful for the cooperation of the management of Poli's Theater who so graciously offered to give each youthful contestant a guest ticket for each 12 pounds deposited. And last but not least we are grateful to the newspapers for their assistance in giving such prominent publicity to the campaign."

Scores of persons brought donations into the West Springfield hardware store depot during the evening last night intent upon putting little David into the winning role and the store manager was obliged to remain long after closing hours to receive and tally the various amounts brought in.

Hunt for Tinfoil Leads to Shooting Range, X-ray Rooms, Freight Yards; One Boy Alone Deposits 150 Pounds

The hunt for tin foil to be melted for the benefit of the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children, growing more intensive day by day, brought a surprise yesteray to H. W. Russell, chairman of the drive committee, when a boy walked into the store depository in Bridge St. and alone deposited 150 pounds which he had gathered by vigorous solicitation in his neighborhood.

In keeping with the campaign plan, the youngster received a whole fistfull of tickets to Poli's Theater for a free ticket is given out for each 12 pounds brought in, and in addition there are merchandise prizes of $10, $5 and $2 for the boy or girl who rounds up the heaviest total before the closing date of Sept. 30.

In unusual material that was salvaged and brought in yesterday, the highlights were used in tin seals from freight cars and a quantity of the tin which has to be removed from X-ray plates before exposure. A boy who read in The Union yesterday that spent bullets dug from the ground in back of the targets on ranges could be used hunted up a range near his home and brought in a generous quantity. A man at North Adams who also read of the campaign called up Mr. Russell to say that the had a little over 100 pounds to turn in.

One of the heaviest anticipations of the foil committee is Bangor, Me., which is soon to be heard from. Last year the Shriners and school children of the Maine city sent down five tons.

Youngsters Will Be Busy Today Enlarging Tinfoil Collections

Shrine Hospital Contest Ends Tonight—Henry Best, Jr., Now in First Place

If you see any children making a dive for an old cigaret package or candy wrappers today, don't be alarmed and think that the youngsters are starting "the habit" or are looking for something to eat. It will probably be some of the contestants in the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children tinfoil contest. The contest closes tonight at midnight and every child entered will be making an extra effort today to collect enough foil to win one of the prizes offered for the largest amount of foil brought in.

Travelers returning from Boston have been somewhat puzzled by the action of trainmen in the smoker on the Boston & Albany railroad. The [illegible] from running trains [illegible] soon as [illegible] their [illegible] day

Jr., is entered in the Shrine contest and his father is a railroad man. All the railroad acquaintances of Mr Best have been collecting foil and now Henry is at the top of the list, having turned in more than a ton.

David Teece was in second place Saturday night when the last official report of the standing of the contestants was given out. H. M. Russell, chairman of the campaign, has announced that he will forward requests to pick up foil from homes throughout this area to the contestants. Yesterday Mr Russell received a number of calls from householders who wished their foil to be placed to the credit of various contestants and Mr Russell passed the word on to the youngsters.

Although the contest will end tonight, the Shrine hospital will continue to collect foil [illegible] the special [illegible] fund for the children [illegible] ospital.

Westfield Boy Stands on Own Feet But Finds Problem of Shoes No Joke

Former patient March 1936.

Conrad Furrows, at 14, Is Six Feet Five Inches Tall; Went Barefoot 11 Weeks While Shoes Were Being Made to Order

WESTFIELD, March 17—One of the greatest troubles in the life of Conrad Furrows of Prospect St. is to find a pair of shoes. That is to say, a pair of shoes that will fit comfortably without wearing out at the toe after they have been worn a couple times. This shoe fitting task for Conrad has been going on in the Furrows family for almost two years now, and Conrad is only 14 years old. But he wears a size 16-D shoe.

Of course when a fellow wears a size 16 shoe he has to be tall to balance. Conrad is no exception to that rule. Around Christmas he stood 6 feet 4½ inches in his socks. Today he measures 6 feet 5½ inches and tips the scales at 182 pounds.

Last October the search for properly fitting shoes began to present a serious problem. Conrad had been compelled to go barefoot more than 11 weeks, shortly after the school vacation period began.

Accompanying his mother on a tour of shoe stores in an endeavor to find something he might wear, he spied in the window of a sporting goods store, a pair of shoes formerly worn by Primo Carnera. In the store he asked the clerk if he might try on Primo's shoes and discovered, to the amazement of his mother, that Carnera's shoes were just a loose fit.

After considerable difficulty Mrs Furrows located a Boston shoe manufacturer who agreed to make a shoe for Conrad. This took time and cold weather was approaching. In desperation Conrad's mother purchased the largest shoe she could find that might be worn while the new shoes were being made. These cramped his toes and it was necessary to cut them for comfort. Finally the new shoes came.

Conrad is a pupil in the Intermediate School and is in the 8th grade. He thinks nothing of the fact he is the tallest in school but is more perturbed over the fact he cannot find gym shoes to wear because physical education is a necessary course at the school.

CONRAD FURROWS TRIES THEM ON

He is healthy and despite his unusual hight has no abnormalities. He is one of a family of four children. His stretching out from the rest of the family began two years ago. He has a brother who is 5 feet 10 inches tall, a sister 5 feet 10½ and another brother who reaches the hight of 6 feet.

Conrad's parents are of normal hight, being five feet 6½ inches tall. His mother says, "We don't know what the dickens we are going to do with him if he grows much taller. Already I have lengthened his trousers so many times soon there won't be much left to lengthen with." Conrad is the family gardener in the summer and also does all the landscaping. He won a prize in a beautification contest one season. His hobbies are airplanes and rabbit breeding.

40 and 8 Assists Shriners' Hospital

Aug 22-36

Gift of $100 for Toys Made by State Legion Organization

The state 40 and 8 organization, playboys of the American Legion, spread some of its cheer today to the patients of the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children in the form of $100 for the purchase of toys. The money was taken up in a collection at the 40 and 8 meeting yesterday, on suggestion of the South Worcester voiture.

The money was taken personally to the hospital today by George McDermott, grand chief, Carl Paige, incoming grand chief, Walter Doyle, Harold Palmer, Eugene McCarthy and Charles Williams.

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40 and 8 Remembers Little Cripples

(Republican Staff Photo)

Officers of the Massachusetts voiture of the 40 and 8 present Supt Margaret M. Watson of the Shrine hospital with $100 for the children there. The money will be used for toys. Left to right: Walter Doyle of Chestnut Hill, grand commissaire intendant; Harold Palmer of Malden, grand garde de la porte; George McDermott of Boston, grand chef de gare passe; Supt Watson, and Charles Williams of this city, grand cheminot and chef de gare of voiture 862.

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Handicapped, Pitches 10 Strikes

Springfield Union Photo

Peter Mayotte, 16, of 54 Patton St., despite a disabled right arm, is one of the best all-round athletes in the North End. For example, Mayotte only last season was quarterback of the undefeated Bone Crusher Juniors. And the Bone Crusher Juniors did not meet any pushovers last season either. They include victories over the Clayton Bulldogs, Linden Tigers, West St. Panthers and a variety of other equally ferocious combines. He has played shortstop with the Bonecrushers and the Brickyards. In 1934 he won a medal for a pool championship and in 1933 he was runner-up in the all-city table tennis championship. But the climax in his athletic career came when he won the prize offered by P. J. Mitchell to the North End youngster who could pitch 10 straight strikes over the home plate. For a solid year every youngster in the North End tried to get the prize but just when everyone conceded that no one short of a Dizzy Dean could do the trick, along came Pete with his powerful, accurate left arm and pitched 10 straight strikes.

Now That She Can Walk, Lois Burgess, Aged 5, Has Her First Birthday Party

East Providence Child Happy Over Returning Home

By Dorothy Pratt

Five-year-old Lois Ellen Burgess had her first birthday party this week.

It meant far more to that story book little girl with long flaxen curls and a red jumper dress than most first birthday parties do.

When all the kids in the neighborhood of 2471 Pawtucket avenue, East Providence, came trooping and shouting into the little white house with red blinds where Lois Ellen lives, Wdnesday afternoon, Lois Ellen's blue eyes sparkled with delight and a happiness that even in the short life of a five-year-old girl was deeper than just ordinary happiness. For her and her family it put the official stamp on the amazing reality that, at last, she was one of the kids.

LOIS E. BURGESS

Walks At Last

After five long years of helplessness, she could walk.

To be sure, for the past eight weeks, since she came back from the Shrine Convalescent Home in Springfield, where she had been for three months after an operation on a nerve in her leg to correct a condition which had kept her from walking unaided since birth, she incredulously has been becoming accustomed to the fact that now, she can get about by herself.

But, that birthday party just seemed to be the grand celebration of an accomplished fact. The neighborhood children brought her piles of presents—a bubble blowing set, a Pop-eye game, four dresses and flannel pajamas with so many intriguing pictures on them it's hard to tell how she's going to be able to get to sleep.

Birthday Cake

She had a great big birthday cake with five candles on it. But best of all, she played games with the other children, just as they did—Forfeit, Drop the Clothes Pin in the Bottle, and a new game the youngsters are playing these days, which has something to do with placing one hand on a Bible and the other in a dish of cold water, possibly a juvenile interpretation of martyrs' trials.

Not so very long ago, Lois Ellen had to sit in the window and watch while the other youngsters tore by on their sleds, going belly-bumper downhill. But now, just as soon as school is out, they all come flocking over to Lois Ellen's house. Her mother, Mrs. Frank Burgess, has her all bundled up and waiting, and the older ones take her out on the new sled she got for Christmas. She slides down hill with the rest of them now.

Biggest Aim

And at night they come in and play games with her. Going to real schools is Lois Ellen's biggest aim in life right now, because she wants to learn how to write. If all goes well, she will, too, next fall.

These past few weeks have been full of increasing wonderment for Lois Ellen. At first her house looked awfully strange to her. She kept asking "Mother, where did you get this—and that?" when it was some piece of furniture which had been in the house all along.

One of her greatest surprises was her baby brother, Frank, Jr.—"Butch" to you. Nine months old, he hadn't been able to walk when Lois Ellen went to the hospital. And there he was toddling all over the place.

"Say, Mother, did you have to take him to the hospital too to teach him to walk?" she asked.

Proprietary Interest

She takes a proprietary interest in him, plays with him and feeds him at the table, too, chuckling her happy little laugh when he gets into things.

And as for her walking, her ability in that is increasing every day as she becomes more and more confident. At first she was a bit timid and mother held her skirt by way of precaution. But now, if Mrs. Burgess attempts to help her, Lois Ellen will say, "Go away, mother, you bother me!" and the other day she walked upstairs all by herself, with mother a few steps behind.

She hasn't forgotten the other children in the Shrine Hospital, who as yet are not as lucky as she is,—Bobby, and baby Dick, Betty, Mary and Anne. She sent them all Christmas presents. And she talks about the nurses who were so good to her there, and the ice cream with the American flag in it that a Legion Post sent to the young patients.

She's hoping, she told her mother, that before long they, too, will be at home again, running about and playing as the other kids do.

Child Patients Will Describe Life At Shriners' Hospital Over Radio

Feb. 4-1941

A vivid demonstration of life at the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children will be presented in a half-hour radio broadcast at 7.45 tonight over station WSPR. The program which will originate direct from the Shriners' Hospital, is being given in connection with the Springfield Rotary Club Hospital benefit performance of the "Ice Follies of 1941," Monday night at the Eastern States Coliseum.

Twenty-five children, ranging in age from four to 14 years, will participate in the program, said Miss Dorothy Forsythe, superintendent of the hospital. The presentation will open with a roll call in which eight states will be represented. The four-years-old youngster, Paul, who entertained Rotarians at their Friday meeting, will then recite a poem, "McCarthy."

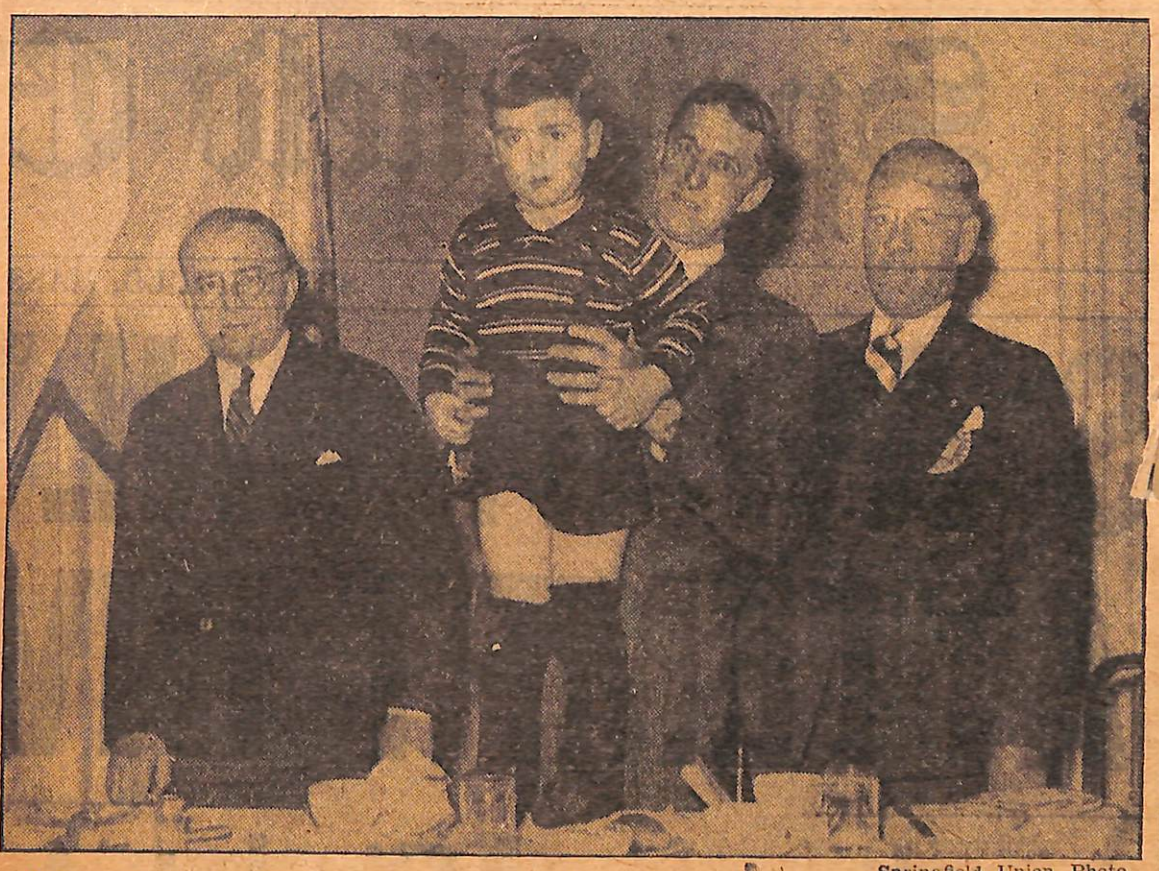
Brief stories which they have written about their own lives will be given by 11-years-old Richard and Shirley, age 12. Roger, a 14-years-old patient, will play two selections on the harmonica, accompanied by boys whistling.

When he first became a patient at the Shrine Hospital, 14-years-old Armand began a stamp collection. "My hobby" will be the title of his talk.

Although last-minute changes may be caused by sudden stage fright, Miss Forsythe said the program will also include a recitation by three girls aged six and seven. Two sisters will read a letter to their Maine home in which they will describe their day's work at the hospital. A description of a Christmas party will also be presented and the program will conclude with the singing of the Shriners' Hospital song and cheer.

Rotary radio broadcasts in behalf of the hospital will also be given over station WMAS on Wednesday from 5.35 to 5.45 p. m., Sunday from 6.30 to 6.45 p. m., and Monday from 5.15 to 5.30 p. m. A broadcast over station WBZ will be heard Thursday from 5.30 to 5.45 p. m., and from WSPR from 7.45 to 8 Thursday night. Speakers will include Rotary Club President R. W. Bodfish, Raymond B. Shattuck, a cochairman of the general committee in charge of the benefit; Harry Caswell, chairman of the board of directors of the Shriners' Hospital; John Holmes, Archer Simpson, Dr. R. Nelson Hatt, chief surgeon at the hospital, M. G. Newcomb, C. S. Parker, Turner Cook, Willam Cavanaugh and Miss Forsythe.

Rotarians Asked to Aid Hospital Benefit



Springfield Union Photo

Left to right: Philip H. Bills, cochairman of the Rotary Shrine Hospital benefit, Dr. R. Nelson Hatt, Raymond B. Shattuck, general chairman, and Paul Card, one of the patients at the hospital.

SHRINE POTENTATE PRAISES HOSPITAL

Nov. 1941

G. F. Olendorf Says Local Institution One of Best in The Country

The Springfield Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children was declared one of the best in the country by Imperial Potentate George F. Olendorf of Springfield, Mo., when he was in this city for a short visit yesterday. At the same time Mr Olendorf paid high tribute to Dr Nelson R. Hatt.

While here, Mr Olendorf, accompanied by his wife, was entertained by George Streeter, illustrious potentate of Melha temple of the Shrine, and others. A large group of Shriners escorted them through the hospital.

Mr Olendorf, speaking on the Shrine itself, said that this should be one of the best years for the organization. He indicated that wherease it has repeatedly lost members during the past decade, when reports are in for the year they will show a decided upswing. At present there are 159 temples, comprising 316,000 members.

He also spoke of the national convention of the Shrine which will be held in Indianapolis on June 10-12. Preceeding the convention, there will be a three-day meeting of the hospital board, which has charge of all Shrine hospitals in the nation.

Although he was scheduled to visit Boston and other cities in Massachusetts, Mr Olendorf will proceed directly west to his home, by way of Toronto. For the past five days he has been ill in Hartford, Ct., and on doctor's orders has canceled the rest of his visitations in this area. He expressed great pleasure, however, in being albe to pass the day in this city.

Scouts Investure Service Tonight

Troop at Shrine Hospital Plans Candlelight Ceremony

1941

Girl Scout troop 10 of Shrine hospital will hold an investure candlelight service tonight at 6 in the hospital. Eight new members will be taken into the troop which is under the leadership of Miss Dorothy Bowe of the local office.

The troop, started last spring, includes members from all over New England. Most of the children are patients at the hospital for a period of three or four months. Up to their release local Scout offices see that the girls have an opportunity of joining a troop in their own home towns.

At present members are working on a music and poetry project.

Show Belt Like They Will Give to F. D. R.

Springfield Union Photo

These young patients at Shriners' Hospital presented a replica of the belt shown in the picture to Mayor Putnam yesterday for him to give to President Roosevelt when he next goes to Washington, D. C. Each child in the hospital worked on the original article which was to be handed to the President if he stopped at the institution during his recent trip through the city.

Children at Hospital Disappointed

[Springfield Union Photo

This photograph was taken at the Shrine Hospital in Carew Street where about 60 patients, half of them along the curb line and the others in the hospital, waited for the President and his party. Janice DeWitt, a little patient from Rochester, N. Y., is holding in the wrapped package, a link leather belt, each child having made one link, which was to have been presented by her to the President. The Presidential party, however, drove by without stopping.

Scenes as President Visited City

October 30th '40

BELT IS LAID ON PRESIDENT'S DESK

Special to The Springfield Union

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25—A belt made by children of the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children in Springfield was laid on President Roosevelt's desk today along with a letter from Mayor Putnam.

A product of the children's handiwork, the belt was to have been presented to the President when he visited Springfield on his recent defense inspection tour. Because of a slip in the arrangements no stop was made by the President at the hospital and therefore, much to the disappointment of the young patients, there was no opportunity to present it. Mayor Putnam interested himself to have the belt forwarded to Washington.

White House attaches said today the belt arrived late Friday, but was not forwarded to the President's office until he returned from Hyde Park this morning. One secretary remarked that it is "a very fine belt" and is a "sweet thought" on the part of the children.

Hospital Mixup Appears Cleared

Nov 1940

Harry H. Caswell, chairman of the board of governors of the Shrine Hospital for Crippled children, today informed Mayor Putnam that secret service agents had met with hospital authorities and had agreed that President Roosevelt, during his visit to the city a week ago, would make a brief stop at the hospital.

But apparently they failed to notify the President's party of this plan and certainly none of those in the President's car was aware of such an arrangement, Mayor Putnam declared. Had they been so informed, he knows the President would have halted because of his keen interest in these children.

Mr. Putnam offered his apologies to Mr. Caswell for the mixup and any impression he might have given in utterances to the press that the fault lay with the hospital authorities.

He will arrange to have the belt made by the children as gift for the President forwarded to the White House.

Big Day at Hospital

Scores of crippled children, patients at the Shriners Hospital, cheered and bravely waved small American flags as President Roosevelt and his party slowly passed the institution on Carew Street. Chubby little June Scranton of Utica, N. Y., was the cheer leader and, shiny-eyed with excitement over the assignment, she went to it with a vim.

Plans had been made for 12-years-old Janice DeWitt, a patient from Rochester, N. Y., to come down to the presidential car on crutches and present the man who is also a victim of infantile paralysis with a link leather belt, every child in the hospital having contributed a link to it. Failure of Mr. Roosevelt to stop forced abandonment of this little ceremony.

"I warn you this may be a little long, but hang with it and maybe you'll do a column about the Shrine East-West game.

"As you know, the New Year's Day fixture for San Francisco is now the husky war orphan adopted by New Orleans for January fourth, and the proceeds will be divided between the Shrine Hospitals for Crippled Children at Shreveport and San Francisco. No one connected with the game gets paid except one man who is an all-year-round employe handling tickets and accounts. It is of local interest to you this year because of Chub Peabody and Loren MacKinney.

"This will be the 17th game in a series which was started one night in San Francisco's Palace Hotel, when William Coffman, still general manager of the game, was gabbing with the first of the Navy's great Bill Ingrams and advanced the suggestion for a New Year's Day game which would bring together the best players of the East to play the best of the West. The game was an immediate success and became so important that the City of San Francisco was forced to enlarge its Kezar Stadium to a capacity of 60,000, and the Shrine game fills it every year. Last year, $60,000 went to the San Francisco Hospital.

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Hospital for Crippled Children

"The Shriners have a Crippled Children's Hospital in Springfield, Mass., and there the requirements for admission are the same as in the other 13 maintained by the Nobles. The kid must be crippled, curable, under 14 years of age, and with parents unable to pay for treatment. There is no reference to religion or color on the application for admission. No Shriner's child ever has been treated. There can be no influence or pull. The kids take their turn.

"Little wonder then that these all-Americans from all over the country give up their Christmas vacations to run in order that, some day, kids now crippled will be able to walk.

"Coffman, the general manager, is a former AAU official in San Francisco. He ran the British Empire games which followed the Los Angeles Olympics. And once he was a poor kid in Virginia. Now he represents the Underwood Typewriter Company for all states west of the Mississippi, yet for all these years he has taken the time to handle every detail in connection with the game.

"Publicity the game has received in the East has resulted in spirited interest in these hospitals, for previously little or nothing was known about them outside of the Shrine and affiliated bodies. In the past few years they have received thousands of dollars in bequests from new friends.

"And when it comes to players for this Shrine game, a boy from Southern Methodist and a boy from Notre Dame teamed one year with Goldberg of Pitt in this game. Maybe we have found the proper expression of the Christmas spirit.

"Lots of that triple peachy yule loggy stuff and things, and if you see Joe Cronin, give him my best and tell him 'Long Live the Cleveland Artists and Writers Club.'"

Dec. 1941

Gift Of Goat As Thanks For Shriners' Hospital Work

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William E. Bissell Has Taken 68 Crippled County Children to Hospital for Operations; Grateful Family Gives Dr. Hatt a Goat

(By Roger W. Tubby)

Sixty-eight crippled children from Bennington county have undergone operations at the Shriners' hospital in Springfield, Mass., during the last ten years and many others during that time have gone to the hospital for clinical observation and treatment.

Many of these children were seriously crippled. Many had given up hope of ever living normal lives. That the great majority were restored to good health is due primarily, of course, to Dr. R. N. Hatt, the hospital's great surgeon, and his staff. However, they were all enabled to enter the hospital in the first place through the help of William E. Bissell, Bennington Shriner.

Recently the writer visited the Springfield hospital with Mr. Bissell. Perhaps what impressed him most was not so muc hthe efficient staff, the modern operating rooms, the many splendid features of the hospital which help the children in mind as well as body. What impressed him most was a billy goat.

This billy goat was brought into the hospital in the middle of the busy Saturday morning clinic. Twenty or thirty parents and their children, some of the latter terribly crippled, were waiting for the examination of the youngsters. Dr. Hatt and his two assistants were "all out" diagnosing one case after another, making recommendations, planning operations or treatment as needed.

The children and their nervous parents were being called into one of two examinations rooms off the main waiting room. Each examination would take five or ten or fifteen minutes. There was constant shifting of those waiting, therefore, not only as they were called to the examination rooms but as newcomers joined the clinic.

It was into this scene, then, that the billy goat made his appearance. He was led by a handsome, black-haired Italian youngster who was well-built and straight as an Oregon pine. With the youngster and

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the goat were the boy's father and mother, both looking and talking as if they had not long been away from their sunny native homeland in Italy.

There was a call for Dr. Hatt. The white coated, grey-haired, and youthful-looking surgeon made his appearance. There were a few excited words, first in English and then in Italian. There were tears in the father's eyes. The doctor smiled, patted the father's stooped back. Yes, he understood. Many thanks, the doctor said.

The trio, father, mother and son turned and left, tears now in all their eyes. Why? Tears of happiness, they were. Their son had long been given up as a helpless cripple, unable to walk, whose legs trailed along behind him. Now, after his operation and months of treatment he was tall and straight and able to walk as well as any.

The goat, of course, was that poor family's way of thanking Dr. Hatt. The goat, as the Italian family probably did not realize, presented a problem for the doctor and for the hospital staff. Be that as it may, the gift was welcome. Not every patient and his family are as considerate.

Practically all the patients of the Shriners' hospital come from families who are unable to pay ordinary doctors' or hospital charges. I shall not, however, endeavor to go into this phase of the work since Mr. Bissell covers it, and many other points of interest, so well in his remarks which follow:

I would like to say that the hospital is an impressive institution, not only in its layout but in its facilities, including the school room, the equipment for the treatment of the youngsters, all of whom are 14 or under, the recreational features for children of all ages.

We saw nearly all of the sixty patients and, strangely enough, considering that some of them were held immobile by plaster casts or by rigging and straps, they looked like an unusually happy, interesting group. There were children with spastic paralysis, club feet, disjointed limbs, bone infections, tuburcular hips and knees, and other malformations. There was one little boy from Montpelier who had been terribly burned on the Fourth of July.

They came from all over New England and upper New York state. They had in most cases been operated on by the skilled Dr. Hatt.

A word of two more about Dr. Hatt. He has been called a great surgeon. He is one. More than that, he is a real person, as the goat episode perhaps indicates. I heard one man in the clinic whisper to his wife after their conference with Dr. Hatt, "He's a wonderful man." For he is not only a gifted doctor but he has a way with him, a way with children as well as grown-ups. I heard only one child cry during two hours that I sat outside the examination rooms and that child, along with the others, came out smiling and radiant after Dr. Hatt had finished.

But let Mr. Bissell the "Manager" to all Bennington, give the low down on how the Shriners' hospitals do their remarkable work.

Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children—five short words—yet they continue to spread comforting messages of hope and cheer from east to west, from north to south. Enabling helpless children to help themselves has been the ultimate purpose of the Shriners and through the execution of this purpose the highest expression of this charity has been reached.

I am endeavoring to present a brief outline of the inception and development of the work, covering the character and conduct of the hospitals together with some of the accomplishments that the public at large may become more deeply interested in the steady advance of this humanitarian cause.

Surprising growth has followed a small beginning. The object was to start but one hospital for the relief of crippled children. It was advanced by Noble W. Freeland Kendrick of Philadelphia, at Portland, Oregon, in 1920 and provided for a small annual contribution from each member of the Shrine. These contnributions would establish and develop such an institution. In 1921 at the Imperial Council at Des Moines a resolution was adopted making the annual assessment $2.00 per year per member for the purpose of building and equipping and putting in operation such a hospital.

Thus the greatest charity ever undertaken was brought to life and developed until now there are 15 hospitals in operation; twelve in this country, two in Canada and one in Honolulu.

Much thought was given to the location of these hospitals so that the territory served might be as extended as possible. The population of the districts chosen and the determination to locate units only in cities where there was a Shrine Temple were factors considered.

The total bed capacity in all hospitals is 831 and the beds are practically filled at all times.

The requirements for admission to the hospitals are comparatively few. No limitation of race or creed are recognized. Children must be under fourteen years of age, of normal mentality and their disability of such a nature that material improvement or positive cure may be reasonably expected.

In addition to these few specific rules, the parents must be unable to pay for the services rendered. There are no pay or part pay patients.

Applicants must await their turn except in certain emergency cases where the surgeon in charge may use his discretion in advancing the admission of a child where further delay would probably prevent correction, but it is the rule not to admit patients for whom material improvement cannot reasonably be expected, in order that the child or its parents may not be subject to expense and disappointment. This policy reserves accommodations for other children whose conditions promise reasonable hope for a complete restoration.

While a general board of trustees has charge of all hospitals, the details of operation of each unit are cared for by a local board of trustees.

School is carried on in a majority of the hospitals, a teacher being provided by the board of education of the community in which the hospital is located.

A very important branch of the work carried on is the out-patient clinics conducted in connection with each unit. In this department children are examined whose afflictions may be relieved without the necessity of a major operation or a long period in a hospital. Clinics are held each Saturday morning.

While strictly medical cases do not come within the scope of the work, all children admitted for correction of orthopedic conditions are examined for defective vision, nose and throat irritation or neglected teeth and immediate attention is given to the relief from these ailments when necessary.

There were admitted to the hospitals for the fiscal year ending February 28, 1941, 1553 children and 1533 were discharged. Since the first hospital at Shreveport, La., was opened in 1922 there has been admitted and discharged, either cured or greatly benefitted, over 35,000 children and there is now a waiting list of about 1500.

The expense of maintaining these hospitals for the fiscal year ending ebruary 28, 1941, was $3.10 per day and the average cost per patient was $266.26.

Each Shriner is assessed $2.00 per year for the maintenance of the hospital or by the payment of $60 which goes into a special fund. He is eliminated for further payment and the income from the fund goes on. Any society, individual, club or other organization can contribute $60 which will be placed in the fund and the income is used only for the hospitals.

The records show that there was received from wills and trusts for the past year $822,355 of which $753,168 was specially bequeathed to designated hospitals while the balance of $69,186 was deposited in the General Endowment fund. Football games and other entertainments contributed another $65,000.

The expense of maintaining the 15 hospitals is about $1,000,000. a year.

Melha Temple Provides Cheer at Hospital

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Melha temple of the Shrine entertained the children at the Shrine hospital last night with a Christmas party which included Santa Claus to give out presents, refreshments and a concert by the Classical high school band. Santa Claus, in the person of Earl G. Daniels, is shown presenting a gift to Rosaue Steffo of Oxford, as other children look on. There are seven lighted Christmas trees throughout the hospital.

No Cripple Now!

Maurice (Red) Wade, Called Hopeless Victim of Bone Disease Nine Years Ago, May Help Missouri Win in Sugar Bowl

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NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 29 (AP)—Nine years ago physicians called him a hopeless cripple—but New Year's Day "that crippled Wade boy" may help Missouri gain a Sugar Bowl victory over Fordham.

His full name is Maurice Wade, and his carrot-topped head has earned him just the nickname you'd expect. But he's no longer a cripple. The nine touchdowns he scored this year on runs of from one to 65 yards were made on two good legs.

His recovery is a tribute to the Shrine crippled children's program, for which the East-West All-Star football game will be played here Jan. 3. It was to a Shrine children's hospital at East St. Louis that 13-year-old Red Wade was taken in 1932. Doctors diagnosed his case as osteomyelitis, and four operations were performed over a period of five months.

Threw Away Crutches

One day they bought Red a brace, and he wore that for three months. Then they gave him crutches and he returned to school at his home in Mountain Grove (Mo.) to finish seventh grade.

Maybe that red hair was the outward sign of a kid who wouldn't be licked. He kept exercising until he was able to throw away his crutches. By 1934 he had argued his high school coach, John (Hi) Simmons, now freshman coach at Missouri—to let him try out for the junior basketball team. The following year he made the varsity, squad, and played three seasons.

In 1939 he was a sensation as a freshman footballer—an ambidexterous flash who could pass with either hand, kick with either foot, and run like a whippet. He was out of competition in 1940, but this season, as a sophomore, he played every game, piling up 681 yards and 54 points—top scorer and second most effective ground-gainer for the Missouri team. He alternates with Harry Ice as left halfback.

Shriners Map Plans for Benefit Show

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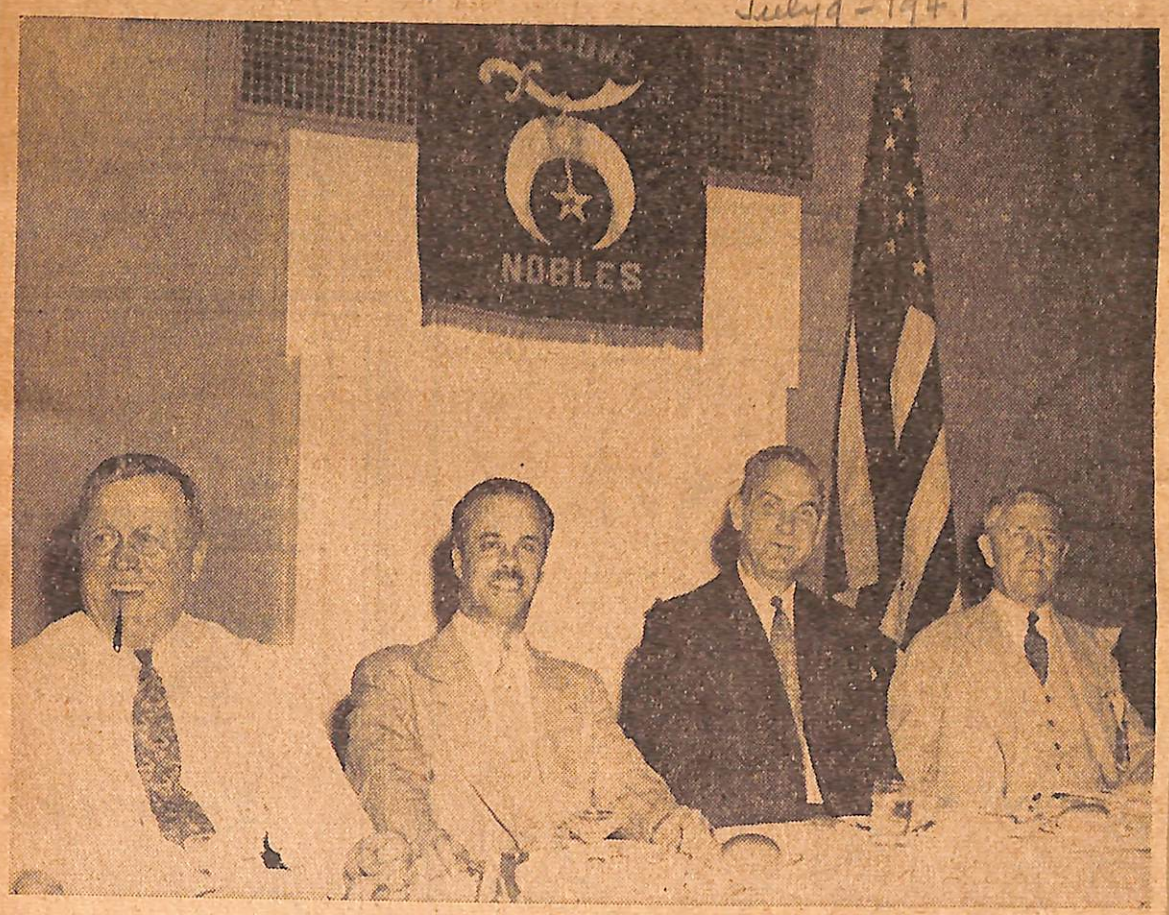

Springfield Union Photo

A broadcast over two stations last evening from the Melha Temple dinner in Hotel Kimball carried an announcement of the big program which will comprise the outdoor show to be put on at Pynchon Park Aug. 2-8 for the benefit of the Shriners Activity Fund. In the picture, left to right, William L. McCleary, George A. Hamid, Raymond H. Cowing and George W. Streeter. Mr. Streeter, as toastmaster, told the assembled nobles who were meeting with the advisory and ticket committees to plan an all-out sale of the pasteboards, that the fez men were going to score a distinct hit on the home grounds while Rabbit Maranville's squad was making hits out of town. Mr. Cowing spoke on the work of the Shriners' Hospital and Mr. Hamid, producer of the "Echoes of Broadway" to be given here, starring Ted Lewis and his band and the Roxyettes, related the details of what will be shown when Pynchon Park is turned into an outdoor theater.

Shriners' Show Opens Tonight; Lewis Arrives

GEORGE W. STREETER

Tonight weeks of planning and preparation come to fruition with the "first night" of seven nights of entertainment. "Echoes of Broadway," which comes to Pynchon park under the auspices of the Melha Temple Shrine.

Ted Lewis, his band and featured entertainers are already in the city. The famous dancing "Roxyettes," the circus acts, the Reynolds skating girls and all the other varied aspects of this extravaganza have been brought here by George Hamid, and the curtain is ready to go up on what Illustrious Potentate George W. Streeter of the Melha Temple Shrine calls "one of the greatest outdoor shows ever to visit Western Massachusetts."

Yesterday and today the preparations for this benefit program reached their peak when equipment and performers began to arrive. Ted Lewis comes here direct from triumphs in New York city, and by car, bus and train the other entertainers have been arriving to take part in this Broadway production.

Reports that Hartford will be well represented come from Earl C. Daniels, who is in charge of ticket sales. Both this city and the sister city to the south are apparently extending themselves to assure the success of the production, he declares. Already hundreds of tickets have been sold in Hartford alone, and "Sphinx night," on Tuesday, will see large delegations of Connecticut Shriners in this city to share the fun and participate in the charitable enterprise.

Daniels states that the local industrial firms are showing particular interest in this entertainment, and that sales of entire blocks of tickets in the plants are not uncommon.

Preceding the actual opening of the show tonight will be a concert of classical and popular music by the Melha Temple band. This will be at 8 p. m., and immediately prior to the show itself, Mayor Roger L. Putnam and Potentate Streeter will greet the audience and welcome the entertainers to Springfild.

NORTH AMERICAN SHRINE POTENTATE ENTERTAINED HERE

Thomas G. Law of Atlanta, Ga., and E. W. Jacocks of Richmond, Va., Feted by Local Shriners

Thomas G. Law of Atlanta, Ga., imperial potentate of all the Shrines of North America, and E. W. Jacocks of Richmond, Va., imperial recorder, were visitors here yesterday, and, following an inspection trip to the Shrine hospital, they were entertained at dinner last night at the Hotel Kimball by officials of Melha temple. Mr Law and Mr Jacocks are on their way to Hartford, Ct., where they will attend the Northeastern Shrine council conference, to be held over the weekend.

The high officers of the Shrine arrived here from Maine by automobile, making the trip as guests of Claude Clement, potentate of Anah temple, Bangor, Me. Mr Law expressed delight at the fall colorings found on the trip through the White mountains, the tour having been made through Maine and New Hampshire. He observed that the colors of the New England countryside in the fall are just about the same as found in the Great Smokies, except that the fall colorings there come a month later than in this area.

The visit to the Shrine hospital was made during the afternoon and last night at dinner, Potentate George W. Streeter of Melha temple was host. The event was attended by more than 20 past potentates and other officers of the local temple.

Mr Law has covered 12,000 miles since August 1 and has visited 25 temples. He will visit more than 100 temples before his present tour is over. He stated that he had observed a fine spirit of Americanism in the lodges already visited and that he felt assured the members of the Shrine understand what America has to face today.

Following the dinner, the entire party went to the temple on Worthington street, where members of the Melha patrol were drilling, and Mr Law gave a short address before the group.

Imperial Potentate Visits Melha Temple

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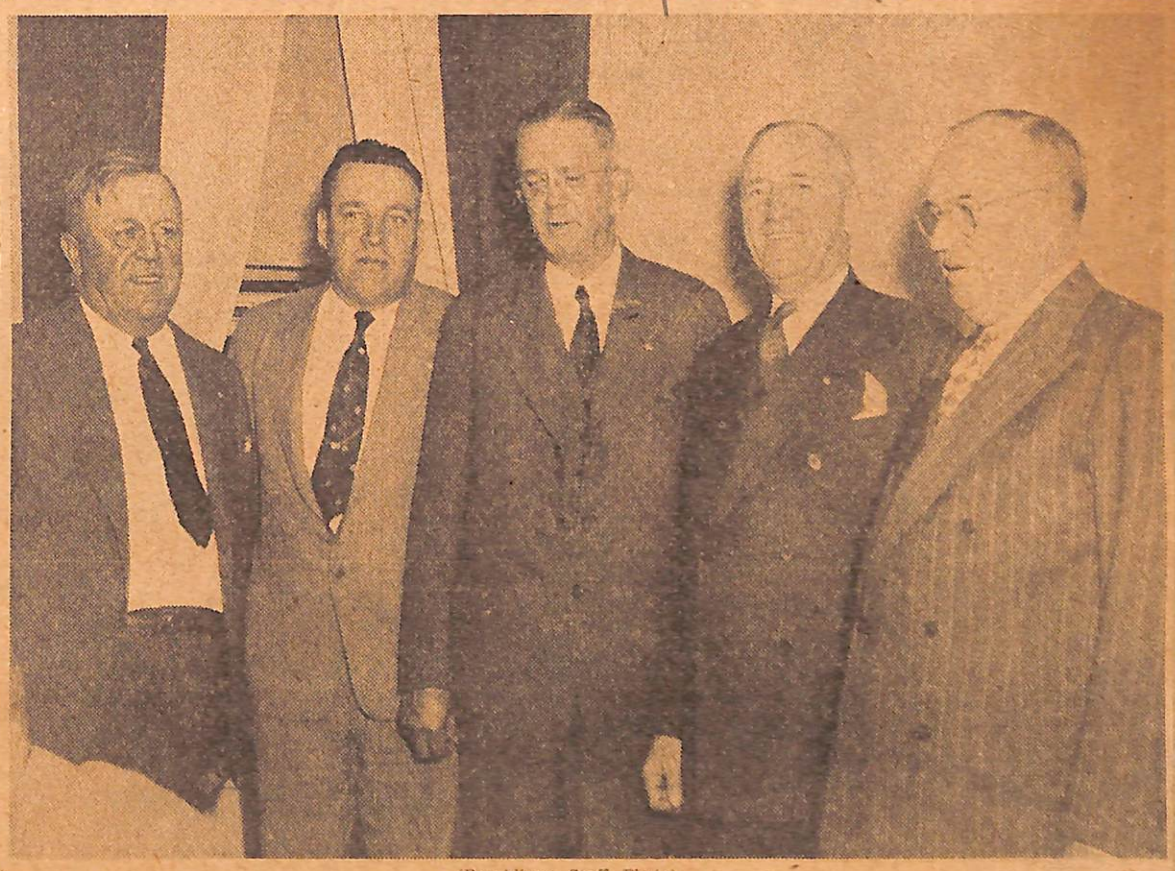

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Left to right: William J. McCleary of Melha temple; Claude L. Clement, potentate of Anah shrine of Bangor, Me.; Thomas C. Law of Atlanta, Ga., imperial potentate of the Shrines of North America; George W. Streeter, potentate of Melha temple, and Harry Caswell, chairman of the board of trustees of the Shriners' hospital.